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ABSTRACT:

<CHG DATE=19940730 STATUS=O> The milk drawn off by the milking cups through the action of the vacuum supplied by the pump (12) is collected in a

collecting  
pipe (20) some 200 mm in diameter and serving simultaneously as a  
milk pipe and  
as a receiver chamber, and is sent to the milk tank (7) by the pump (6)  
which  
is started by a plunger (27) when the milk reaches a predetermined  
level in the  
pipe (20). Cleaning is by means of an internal washing pipe (30) fitted  
with  
sprayers (31) which send water at pressure against the inner walls of  
the pipe  
(20). The collecting pipe (20) and the internal cleaning pipe (30) are  
advantageously constructed from modular elements, each element  
being able to  
take milk from, for example, three milking stations. <IMAGE>